

SEEK TO FREE DANSEY PRISONERS

Defense to Ask Habeas Corpus if Prosecutor Fails to Act Quickly

WANT CHRISTMAS AT HOME

By a Staff Correspondent Atlantic City, Dec. 15.—Prosecutor Edmund C. Gaskill, Jr., must make some move toward securing an indictment against Charles S. White, accused of murdering Billy Dansey, of Hammonton, today, or the defense will begin a habeas corpus action for the release of the accused.

G. Arthur Bolte, counsel for White and Mrs. Edith Jones, under arrest as an accessory after the fact, has declined to force the hand of the prosecutor.

"Whether or not we move for a writ of habeas corpus today depends upon the attitude of Mr. Gaskill," he said. "We have absolute proof of the innocence of my clients and do not intend to let them languish in jail indefinitely."

"Mr. Gaskill has shown nothing that would move the grand jury to indict White and Mrs. Jones. The evidence may not warrant such an indictment, and I don't propose to allow the accused to spend Christmas in the jail if there is no indictment found against them."

The prosecutor still maintains the silence that has marked his attitude on the case since the arrest of the suspects last Monday night.

He said today that no move of Mr. Bolte's would force him to act, naturally, but that if the grand jury summons to the grand jury today or tomorrow for a sitting before the middle of the week.

In the meantime, sentiment in Atlantic county, which was strongly against White and Mrs. Jones when they were arrested, has been generally reconciled that Mr. Gaskill makes few false moves, is swinging around in their favor.

William Jones, son of the accused woman, said he did not wish premature publicity and would rather have his mother and White freed by a jury after trial, but he favored habeas corpus proceedings unless the grand jury was called.

County Detectives Wilson and Nushbaum were in Hammonton yesterday. It was reported that they had obtained a new lead in the case. It is certain necessary facts were obtained in Hammonton to go to the grand jury at the end of the week, it was reported.

Congress Fight in Third Watched

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able statistics. What its various organizations are doing to save production is to excess production.

The great industrial districts of Pennsylvania have, in the past, been represented by the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association.

The gentlemen who have expressed a desire to acquire J. Hampton Moore's seat in Congress—Sheriff Harry C. Ransley and Isadore Stern—are now reinforced by Representative James Bennett, who is a protégé of Senator David Martin.

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Children in Vicinity of Germantown Home Fond of Little Mute and Father Extremely Affectionate Toward Him. Says Woman Neighbor

Little "Bunny" Blake, whose mother is accused of drowning him, was well known and well beloved in the neighborhood of his home when the family fled to 109 East Gowen avenue, Germantown.

The child, with his winning ways and bright face, was known to all the little boys in the neighborhood. He was well liked by the neighbors, and was always managed to make himself understood and get along with the others. "Bunny" was a very popular child.

Mrs. P. C. Matthews, who lives at 110 East Gowen avenue, told this afternoon of the great love that James Blake, Sr., bore for the little boy.

The child's infirmity seemed to draw him closer to his father, she said. He was never allowed to wander far from his home, it is said, being always under the watchful eyes of a member of his family, or of Miss Miller, the nurse.

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The bill would limit to twenty-four pages daily newspapers and periodicals using the second-class mail privilege.

The present acute paper shortage, he said, is due largely to the capacity of the great city dailies and some magazines. The larger newspapers, he added, could be reduced to the same number of pages, and the magazine matter published in Sunday editions, without loss to the public.

The volume of advertising should be drastically reduced during the present shortage, he said.

Replying to Chairman Stevenson, Representative Anthony said he had heard that some advertisers had greatly increased their expenditures for advertising to avoid payment of excess profits tax, and that the bill would prohibit advertising to the post.

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Fire Destroys Part of Former German Raider in New York

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While the fire was being fought, the vessel was hoisted, but was not lowered from New York today that the ship could be floated at high tide and that the damage was not serious. Officials of the United States shipping board announced that it did not penetrate below the main deck. No damage was done to the machinery.

Investigation into the cause of the fire is being made today by the naval authorities in New York.

The De Kalb was anchored in the Hudson river opposite 252d street, New York.

REACH AGREEMENT ON RAIL OVERTIME

Washington, Dec. 15.—(By A. P.)—Under an agreement between the railroad administration and the four brotherhoods of train and engine men, announced today, time and a half for overtime in slow freight service will become effective as of December 1.

All arbitrary special allowances formerly applicable between terminals were eliminated, but special allowances for switching and similar work in inter-terminal work were preserved. These, however, will be at the old rate.

"Allowances for switching and delays at the final terminals are preserved, payable at the former rates where the work is performed prior to the overtime period," the announcement said. "The allowances have been agreed to in the past for relieving men of work which has not been considered a part of their regular duties and consequently Congress cannot the same conditions existed in connection with the payment of time and one-half for overtime."

MAY DELAY RAIL RETURN

Congress Not Expected to Complete Legislation by Christmas

Washington, Dec. 15.—(By A. P.)—President Wilson has not indicated when he will send a message to Congress on the railroad situation, White House officials said today. The President still has before him the report of Director General Hines, of the railroad administration, on the pending Cummins and Esch bills.

Administration officials say that if the President has changed his mind about returning the roads to private operation by January 1 he has not communicated it to his advisers. It is considered now that Congress cannot complete railroad legislation before the Christmas recess and in the light of this officials generally expect that governmental control will be continued until after the first of the new year.

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